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A former Cuban IS officer who served with the Cuban Intelligence SOURCE: Service until April 1964.

- Although there are many members of the Direction General de-Inteligencia (General Directorate of Intelligence + DGI) who appear interested in and favorable toward the Communist Party, Source knows of only three persons who are actually members: Saul GONZALEZ, alias "Denis"; Manuel VEGA Perez, alias "Marcos Viera"; and Felix SUAREZ, alias "Federico Santiesteban". SUTREZ was a sert of political adviser in the DGI operations departments, but insisted he was not a commissar, but, rather, a person in charge. Although Source and the other officers would tease SUAREZ by calling him "Comisario", SUAREZ greatly resented the term and actually physically attacked Source for Every Saturday morning at 8:30, SUAREZ held a doing so. political indoctrination meeting which all personnel were supposed to attend Source was habitually late to these a sessions, and although he was given penalties for his obvious disaffection, he never paid any attention to them. The DGI personnel Source knew were perfectly willing to talk politics among themselves but in a rather desultory way; the discussions never went on very long.
- Apparently during 1962, there had been considerable sentiment for Anibal ESCALANTE and his faction, the Partido Socialista Popular (PSP), but in 1964 the PSP group was disrupted and the real loyalty was to Fidel CASTRO rather than to the Party.

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